

Dominion Grange Meeting
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construction of public highways on the ground that it is intended to construct main highways for the benefit of the automobilist rather than for the benefit of the farmers whose driving is confined to the roads within a few miles of their homes, and thus he himself would be taxed for the benefit of the few.

6. Recommending an increase in the license fee for high power automobiles because of the greater danger to the roads.

Realizing that the success of the independent farmers' movement in Ontario during the next few years is going to depend largely upon the efforts of the men who are at its head, an effort was made to secure the best possible officers. The result is as follows:

- Master—Henry Glendinning, Manilla, Ont.
- Overseer—W. C. Good, Brantford.
- Secretary-treasurer—J. J. Morrison, Arthurs.
- Lecturer—S. C. Smale, Okdale.
- Chaplain—W. F. W. Fisher, Burlington.
- Steward—John Newman, Crystal Rock.
- Assistant Steward—Wm. McCrae, Guelph, Ont.
- Cores—Miss Thelma Robinson, St. Thomas.
- Pomona—Miss Eva Wardell, St. Thomas.
- Flora—Miss A. McMaster, Palmerston.
- Lady Assistant Steward—Miss Mary Thompson, Newbridge.

Executive Committee—N. E. Burton, St. Thomas; J. G. Leithbridge, Alliance; E. C. Drury, Crown Hill. Delegates, Council of Agriculture—E. C. Drury.

was mentioned, it being stated that coumbines, mergers and trusts have the people at their mercy, and that they are able to fix prices both to the producer and to the consumer. The advisability of cooperating with the Farmers and Labor Council in an effort to bring about an improvement was suggested.

Government ownership of the trunk telephone lines was advocated, as well

power of recall so that when their representatives refused to support legislation demanded by the people they could be required to resign themselves to the electors for re-election.

COOPERATION PROGRESSING
An address of great importance, entitled "Cooperation in Agriculture," was given by Mr. Geo. Keene, of Brantford, the honorary general secretary of the Cooperative Union of Canada. Mr. Keene has had wide experience in connection with the great cooperative societies of Great Britain. He gave a most encouraging report of the progress cooperation is making in Canada, especially among laboring men in the cities. In this connection he gave reports of societies in Ontario and Nova Scotia that have met with astonishing success.

A cooperative society at Guelph, organized for six years, showed net profits in 1910 of \$4,306 on a share capital of \$4,127. Another at Glace Bay, N.S., organized five and a half years, showed net profits in 1910 of ground that the fight for farmers'

\$12,287 on a share capital of \$6,040. Mr. Keene's address was full of encouragement to farmers to cooperate more and to profit not only by their own mistakes, as made in the past, but by the success of other organizations. Fuller reference to this address will be given later.

The spirit of the members of the Grange was shown repeatedly during the discussions by the fighting speeches that were made. The speakers practically unanimously took the course which was shown to be the right one and seemed to expect that in view of the great success that is attending the farmers' movement in the west a great advance may be expected before long in the same movement in Ontario. Lack of space prevents our going into these matters more fully in this issue or giving reports of the speeches made. The convention showed conclusively that the farmers' movement in Ontario is more vigorous than it has been for many years, and that its officers are full of confidence as regards the future.



W. C. Good, Overseer Dominion Grange as the granting of suffrage to women. Mention was made of the Farmers' Bank and for the need of action on the part of the government that will make the savings deposited in banks absolutely safe.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Referring to the vote on reciprocity, the members of the executive committee stated that the chief cause of its rejection was the united opposition of the special interests, aided by the prejudices and passions skillfully aroused by the same. The interests were united in defence of their privileges which they feared might be endangered. On the other hand, many farmers allowed their action to be governed by party prejudices and allegiance when they should have united in support of a measure that would have been of vast special benefit to themselves and that would incidentally have benefited every legitimate interest in the country.

The committee further stated: "Our agricultural population is in only a minority of the States, but regarding the mode of operation that is being used to accomplish the purposes of the monied interests. The prevention and cure rests in our being able to harness and direct the latent power of this great bulk of the electorate."

DIRECT LEGISLATION

The benefits of the initiative and referendum were pointed out by Mr. W. C. Good, of Brantford, who showed that these reforms are making rapid headway in the United States, where they have been secured in a number of states, and where they are receiving attention in practically all the other states. When the people have the right to introduce legislation for themselves by petition, it makes governments more subject to their wishes, and when they have the power given by the referendum to compel the government to submit measures to them, such as the naval bill or reciprocity, for a vote, it makes governments more careful in introducing legislation.

Mr. Henry Glendinning pointed out that in addition to having the power given by the initiative and referendum, the people should have the

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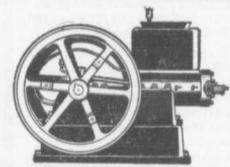
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While the Dominion Grange was its annual convention in Toronto last week the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association was in session in Brandon. The members of the two organizations exchanged greetings. The telegram received from the Grain Growers' Association was as follows: Brandon, Man., Jan. 24.—Your greeting acknowledged by standing vote in our convention. We are having the largest and most enthusiastic convention we have ever had. Better organization and wider markets are the keynote of our meeting. Our attitude towards tariff commission not yet considered.—R. McKenzie, Secretary, Manitoba Grain Growers' Association.

Mr. Glendinning, the newly elected Master, is so well and favorably known to the farmers of all parts of Ontario, that his appointment as Master will prove a source of strength to the order.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The report of the secretary-treasurer and of the auditors showed that a considerable number of new granges had been organized during the year, the number of subordinate granges now being larger than at any previous period for years. The balance on hand, in spite of heavy expenditures, was \$314.35.

MASTER'S ADDRESS

In his annual address, Master N. E. Burton claimed that the result of the vote on reciprocity should impress farmers with the necessity of more thorough organization and determination to stand firmly together. It showed further that the manufacturers have long since laid aside party animosity and that should be given consideration by farmers.

The necessity for direct legislation

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